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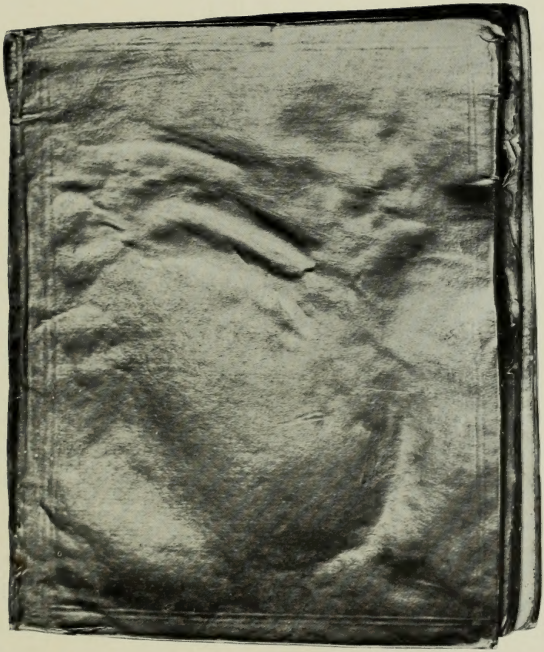

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INTRODUCTION.

Alonzo Lewis, in the first edition of the History of Lynn, published in 1829, relating his sources of information says: "I have also found a journal kept daily for forty-four years by Mr. Zaccheus Collins; and another, for twenty years by Mr. Richard Pratt, in which they appear to have noticed everything remarkable during those long periods, and from which I have extracted many interesting particulars."

There ought to be many other such manuscripts in existence, illustrating the early days of Lynn. Mr. Lewis evidently did not find them. He styled those he had access to "Journals."

One of these so-called Journals is herein presented in fair type.

Mr. Richard Pratt prefaced the book, which is in his own handwriting, with the word "Memorandum."

The name, "Commonplace-Book," seems to be an appropriate title for it: ("A book in which things to be remembered are recorded." — *Webster.*)

The volume of the original manuscript is a folio, measuring about seven and a half inches in length, and six inches in width.

It is bound like the Bradford History, in parchment; once white, but now grimy and showing its age, as all things old will.

The cover is stout and strong yet, but the paper is cracked and decaying. If its contents were worth pre-

serving, the time had arrived when it should be copied. Those interested, thought it advisable to transcribe its contents; hence, this printed reproduction.

The custodian of the manuscript, Mr. Gilbert Hawkes, who is a great-grandson of the author, has kindly loaned it to us for local historic research. He received it from his aunt, Miss Cynthia Pratt, who, like the author, was a Lynn school teacher.

Richard Pratt was the son of Grover Pratt, of Malden, who came to Lynn and married Rebecca Lewis, February 17, 1725-6.

The home of Richard Pratt, where he jotted down the matters that seemed to him important, for the twenty years prior to the Revolution, was upon Broad Street, where, in later years his grandson, Micajah C. Pratt, built the brick shoe factory which still stands. About it was the garden, in the sowing of the seeds and the gathering of the fruit of which he evidently delighted.

He was born November 27, 1728, and married, November 12, 1751, Rebecca Ingalls. He died April 25, 1816.

His "Texts Preached From," show that he was a constant attendant at the First Church, and the minuteness of his vital statistics indicate that he must have held some recording office in church or parish.

Quite a number of pages at the end of the old book are taken up with figures such as a schoolmaster would have occasion to use, as interest tables, examples in multiplication, weights and measures. These we have omitted as of no interest to the possible readers of the book, because they will presumably be beyond school years.

We have also avoided copying the entries by later members of the family, though some of them are of interest

as treating of the affairs of the Friends' Society, to which these subsequent users of the book had become attached.

The manuscript is legibly and neatly written, and no attempt has been made to modernize the orthography. It is not to be taken for granted that our diarist did not know how to spell because he did not spell as we do. For example, he uses the word "goal." The dictionaries of that period give the definition of "goal," adding, "also a gaol or jail." He uses the word "pease," which is still given in our dictionaries, though "peas" is now, perhaps, commonly in vogue. We write the name of the ancient Lynnfield minister "Sparhawk." He calls him "Sparrowhawk." In the Saxon tongue, "Sparrowhawk" and "Sparhawk" have the same meaning.

This may be a commonplace book in another sense than is intended by its title, inasmuch as it sets down and records, without rhetoric or sentiment, the things which came to the attention of a grave and clerkly man, who passed an uneventful life in the rural hamlet of Lynn nearly a century and a half ago.

Most of the important things (that is, important to anyone save the diarist and his kin) recorded therein were of events not happening on the soil of Lynn. But they reveal the fact that the pulse of our provincial life was in touch with the great world's affairs. Through almost all the period covered by this record, New England was harassed and drained of men and money by the French and Indian wars. It closes with the impending conflict with the Crown. Almost the last public event mentioned is the laconic entry, "1775 April 19. General Gage's army marched out to Concord and began hostilities." The very last public event recorded, under date, "1775 May 27," is

the "Fight at Winnissimet," which, though not as important as Lexington or Bunker Hill, occurred nearer Lynn. Between the above two recorded entries he writes under date, 1775 April 25. "I began to keep the school." After that, either the school or the clash of arms, or some other good reason, dried the ink on Mr. Pratt's quill, for he ceased to write of affairs and left his pages blank. His descendants in Lynn and elsewhere are numerous and respectable. A great-grandson, Sidney Bowne Pratt, out of a modest competency bequeathed to the Lynn Public Library (its first bequest) the sum of ten thousand dollars, and thus led the way for others to follow.

This book has been printed (not published) by the thoughtful liberality of Mr. Micajah Pratt Clough, a great-great-grandson of Mr. Richard Pratt. The introduction and notes are the tribute of another great-great-grandson.

A time-stained bit of paper, indorsed, "A Worthy Man's Character," written at the time of Mr. Pratt's death, has been preserved in his family all these years — almost a century.

Perhaps these imperfect reasons for putting this old manuscript in type may conclude by reciting the words then written: —

"At Lynn, Mr. Richard Pratt, aged LXXXVII. A man who justly sustained the character which entitles old age to the appellation of 'Honorable.' He was a firm friend to the Republican Institutions of his country, which he perceived naturally grew out of that 'Brotherly Equality' guaranteed to all men by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He met death with that fortitude and trust in the mercy of God which may remind us of that most comfortable truth, 'Blessed are the Dead which die in the Lord.' — *Rev. xiv: 13.*"

COMMONPLACE-BOOK

OF

RICHARD PRATT.

TABLE FOR MEASURING. SOLIDS

(On inside cover of Diary.)

Inches

27 is a Square Quarter of a foot
216 is " " half " " "
1728 is " " Foot Solid
864 is half a Foot Solid
432 is ¼ foot Solid

27648 is One Foot of Wood Measure
13824 is half a Foot
6912 is ¼ of a foot

Tabitha Pratt Died June 23d, 1770
Nathanael Ingals Died Sept. 23d, 1772
Nathanael Pratt Died Sept. 30, 1773
Tabitha Alley Died Octr. 20, 1774
Grover Pratt Died Jany. 14, 1790
Rebecca wife of Richd. Pratt Died Sept. 27, 1806

MEMORANDUM

Began in and
For the Year 1755.

Rebecca Pratt was born June 28th, 1753
Tabitha Pratt was born April 11th, 1755
Richard Pratt was born Novr. 15th, 1756
Elizabeth Pratt was born Sept. 7th, 1758
James Pratt was born March 21st, 1760
John Pratt was born April 10th, 1762
Mercy Pratt was born August 27th, 1764
Lewis Pratt was born May 9th, 1767
A Son Born & Died Novr. 23d, 1769
Nathan Grover Pratt was born Nov. 10th, 1770
Nathanael & Joseph Pratt } was born May 9, 1773

BURIALS IN THE OLD PARISH IN LYNN

1755 Jan.	8.	The Wife of Josiah Rhoads, & Henry Rhoads
Feb.	3.	Jonathan Rhoads
	9.	Lieut. Saml. Stocker
	15.	Saml. Breed
	22.	Sarah Bartons Daughter
	28.	Nathan Breed
March	15.	Elizabeth Norris
Apr.	2.	Doctr. Henry Burchstead
	3.	Anna Atwell
	8.	Elijah Son to Thomas Stocker
May	13.	Theophilus Farringtons Twin-child
	14.	Mary Farrington Mid-wife
	19.	Thomas Lewis Child
June	5.	John Ingals Junr. Son
	10.	William Barton
	23.	Joseph Masons Child a Daughter
	26.	Daniel Witt
	29.	Dorcas the Wife of Jonathan Mansfield
Aug.	1.	Joanna Mansfield. Joseph Newhalls Child
	14.	Mercy Potter
(?)	28.	William Hill
Decr.	8.	Nathaniel Tarbox Child
	15.	Saml. Hallowell, Senr. 1755 25 Burials
1756 Jan.	14.	James Ingals
Feb.	10.	Zaccheus Norwood
	25.	Widdow Larrabee

1756
March 15. Hiphsibah Wife to Edmond Lewis
(?) Jedediah Collins's Two Children
(?) Henry Blany

BIRTHS AND CHRISTNINGS IN Y^E OLD PARISH IN LYNN

1755
Feb. 2. Joel Son of Theophilus Breed Christned
10. Benjn. Blany's Daughter Born — Chrd. Elizabeth Mar. 23
17. Edwd. Fullers Child Born Daughter, Christned March 2d.
March 5. Widdow Abigail Lewis Daughter Mary Born, Chrd. March 23d.
& John Mower Jr. Son Born

1755
Apr. 11. My Second Daughter Born
Joseph Edmands 13
12. Moses Chadwell's - - - - - - - -
May 12. Thos. Cox Daughter
14. Jacob Ingals Daughter - - - - -
19. Thomas Lewis Son Still-born
22. John Ingal's Son

Oct. 23. Ezra Newhall's Son Thomas.

CHRISTNED

Christned Mary 13
Apr. 27. Josiah Newhall's Son Nathl.
May 25. Ann
Thomas Cox's Hiphsebah
June 22. Saml. Burrils Son, Ebenezer
& Henry Blanys Daugh. Lydia
Aug. 24. Allin Breeds Son Fredrk.
Aug. 31. Saml. Hollowells Son Henry
Sept. 7. Abraham Gray's Daugh. Abigail
& Ignatious Rhoads Daugr. Elizabeth

PUBLISHMENTS IN Y^E TOWN OF LYNN

1755 Jan.	26.	Abraham Smith of Reading to Mary Hawks
Feb.	2.	Doctr. Jonathan Fuller to Mary Wimon
March	23.	Ezra Newhall to Sarah Fuller
	30.	James Ramsdel to Meribah Johnson
Apr.	6.	James Hill of Stonham to Rebecca Brient
		Benoney Wallos of Luninburg to Hannah Brown
	13.	James Firn to Elizabeth Tarbox
July	13.	Jacob Walton to Elisabeth Wayt Residant in Lynn
		Isaiah Briggs of Marblehead to Sarah Ingals
Aug.	10.	Jeremiah Tarbox & Anna Cox
		Nathaniel Ramsdil & Tabothy Ramsdil
Sept.	14.	Nathan Newhall to Mary Farrington
	21.	Richard Sarle to Sarah Talburt
Octr.	5.	Robert Gray to Anna Newhall
	26.	Josiah Breed to Mary Breed
Novr.	2.	Thomas Norris to Martha Potter
	9.	Joseph Gray to Rebecca Farrington
	23.	Ebenr. Newhall & Mary Newhall
		Gidney Witt & Eliz. Cheever
Dec.	7.	John Green & Jerusia Norwood
	14.	Nehemiah Lyndsey & Hulda Breed
1756 Feb.	22.	Youing Flint to Pheba Wellmon
Apr.	25.	Deacn. John Lewis to Jane Huntin
May	16.	John Curtain & Martha Collins

MARRAIGES IN Y^E TOWN OF LYNN

1755		
Jan.		Moses Hawks to Mary Riddan(1)
March	6.	Saml. Batchelor to Hannah Breed
	11.	Saml. Silsby to Breed
Apr.	10.	Ezra Newhall to Sarah Fuller
	15.	Doctr. Jonathan Fuller to Mary Wimon
June	26.	James Ramsdil to Merribah Johnson
Aug.	28.	Jeremy Tarbox to Anna Cox
Sept.	4.	Tos. Mason & Ann Skinner
Nov.	6.	Richard Sarle to Sarah Talburt
Dec.	4.	Nathanael Ramsdil & Tabitha Ramsdil
	11.	Robert Gray to Anna Newhall
	16.	Isaiah Brigs to Sarah Ingals
	18.	Josiah Breed to Mary Breed
	25.	Thomas Norris to Martha Potter
	30.	Nehemiah Lindsey to Hulda Breed
1756		
Feb.	17.	Nathan Newhall to Mary Farrington
	19.	Jonathan Mansfield to Elizabeth Burchstead
May	4.	Joseph Gray to Rebecca Farrington
June		Deacon Jno. Lewis to Jane Huntin
July	1.	Jno. Rich'ds To Catherine Burchstead
	8.	James Newhall to Barrot
Aug.		John Curtain to Martha Collings

(1) RIDDAN, the old-time way of spelling the name now written Raddin. The home of the Raddin family, in 1755, was in that part of Lynn now called North Saugus, and the house which was built by John Hawkes, the great-grandfather of the groom, and occupied by this wedded pair, still shelters some of the descendants of the builder.

OF REMARKS

1755 Feb.	4.	Benjamin James Shop Burnt
March	5.	Capt. Gally Died at Marblehead
Feb.	24.	A Vessel Drove a-Shoar at ye Little's Beach Belonging to Salem
March	12.	Training at Jonath Wayts to Inlist Soldiers
	24.	Training at Benjn. Bowdens to Inlist Soldiers
	27.	Anna Burchstead Remov'd to Boston
Apr.	5.	A Ship From England Arrived at Boston with Officers, cloaths, & Money, for ye Soldiers
	28.	Snow
May	9.	Dyed the Wife of Floyd Pratt of Malden
	10.	Was Buried Isaac Larrabe of ye 3d Parrish in Lynn
	20.	The first Rain Fell after the Drougth I Set out Twelve Beach-Plum bushes
	26.	Skipper Gray Arrived with His first fair
June	16.	Skipper Gray Come in wth His 2d fair
July	1.	Died Captn. Moses Calley of Marblehead
	2.	I Gathered Green Pease
Aug.	24 To Sept. 1.	Amos Breed, Nathan Breed Ignatious Rhoads, Caleb Downin & Abrm Gray — Children born
Sept.	6.	The first Rain after a Long Drougth
Octr.	23.	Died William Pratt Senr
	30.	A Considerable Snow Storm

1755
Novr. 18. About 4 O'Clock in ye Morn was a Terrible Shock of an Earthquake. After which the same Day ye Reverend Mr. Nathanael Henchman Preach't a Lecture from Mathew 7 Chap(1)

22. In the Evening was a Considerable Shock of ye Earth

Decr. 9. Was a Whale taken up at Sea and Brought in To Kings-Beach abought 75 feet Long(2)

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(1) This was the greatest earthquake ever known in New England. It was a part of the same series of convulsions which extended across the Atlantic, and on the first day of November had overthrown Lisbon, had buried Sir Henry Frankland, the collector of Boston, in the ruins from which he was extricated by Agnes Surriage, the maid of the Marblehead Inn, whose story is one of the romantic happenings of our provincial history.

William Shirley, the English barrister, was Governor of Massachusetts, as he had been ten years before, when he organized the expedition of forty-three hundred volunteers, which sailed out of Boston in a hundred transports, under command of a fish merchant, down into the ice-bound north, to storm and capture the seemingly impregnable fortress, behind the stone walls of which the trained soldiers of France laughed at English fleets and armies.

Louisbourg had fallen then before the prowess of Massachusetts men—the great feat of arms which gave our fathers confidence and steadiness for the conflict with the Crown, of which there were even then distant rumblings.

In this year occurred the disastrous expedition of Braddock, in which the young Col. George Washington had a share.

Braddock's death made Shirley Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in America, and he was organizing new campaigns against the French and Indians, in which he relied upon New England provincial officers.

This was the year which saw the eviction of the French inhabitants of Nova Scotia, upon which Longfellow based his pathetic story of "Evangeline," though he distorted history in the telling, for those Acadians were anything but the gentle creatures he describes.

Franklin was experimenting with electricity, with his kite.

"The forces of Nature were conspiring to add to the wonderment of the hour."

(2) Of this whale, Alonzo Lewis says, "Dr. Henry Burchsted rode into his mouth, in a chair drawn by a horse; and afterwards had two of his bones set up for gate posts, at his house on Essex street, where they stood for more than fifty years."

James R. Newhall adds:

"Opposite the Doctor's house, the cot of Moll Pitcher, the celebrated fortune-teller, stood. And many were the sly inquiries, from strangers, for the place where the big whale bones were to be seen."

1756

Jan. 4. Died Hannah ye Wife of John Farrington
5. Took Moses Hart to board
8. Was a Publick Fast, on account of ye Earthquake
28. Ordination at Woburn

March 3. Moses Hart Went away from Boarding with me
20. I Set Cabbidg Stumps, Turnips, and Planted Pease
26. I Planted potatoes & Set Pease
John Williams was Inlisting Soldiers for Crown Point(1)

Apr. 25. Died Sarah Sarle of Marbld.
26. 8 Soldiers Imprest for Crown Pnt. 27 Day
29. Fast Day

CHRISTNINGS IN Y^E OLD PARISH IN LYNN

1756

Jan. 4. John Mansfield's Son, Cheever

March 21. Ralph Merrys
John Iresons Son Edward

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(1) "A scale of bounties had failed to induce much activity in enlistments, and the forces necessary for the campaign were gathering but slowly."

NOTE: "It is not unlikely that enlistments were impeded by a breach of faith with the New England troops, for they were detained at the eastward beyond their term of enlistment. Shirley remonstrated about it to Governor Lawrence of Nova Scotia." — *Nar. and Crit. Hist. Am.*, Vol. IV, p. 152.

Governor Livingston, in 1752, wrote:

"The New England colonies take the lead in all military matters .... In these governments lies the main strength of the British interests upon this continent."

1756

May	17.	Isaac Meacham's Son John
June	13.	Alen Newhall's Son, Daniel–Alen–Breed
July	4.	John Lewis's
Septr.	26.	Theophilus Farringtons Daughter Sarah
Octr.	3.	Nathl. Fullers Son Samuel
	10.	Moses Chadwel's Daughter Ruth
	17.	Elias Harts, Two Children, Elias, & Elizabeth
Novr.	21.	Edwd. Johnsons Daughter Bethiah

1757

Jany.	16.	Joseph Grays Daughter Hannah
		Josiah Breeds Daughter Mehetabel
Feb.	6.	Saml. Johnsons Son Joseph
	20.	Nehemiah Ramsdil's Son Nehemiah
July	17.	James Newhalls Daughter Lois
	31.	Benjn. Grays Daughter Deborah

BURIALS IN Y^E OLD PARISH IN LYNN

1756

Apr.		Jonath Rhoads
May	7.	Hannah ye Daughter of Jno. Ingals
	12.	Nathanael Collings's Wife
July		Thomas Stockers Child Daniel
	13.	John Work's Child, Ezra Mower & Hannah Mills — Nehemiah Ramsdil Jr.
Aug.		Eliz Rhoads
Septr.		Ignatious Rhoads's Child a Daughter

1756		
Septr.	16.	Widdow Williams
	23.	Mary Wife to Capt. John Jenks
Octr.	3.	Benjn. Coats Daughter
	14.	Lieut Moses Newhall's Daughter
	17.	Lieut Moses Newhalls Child
	19.	Increase Newhall's Son John
	20.	James Son of Capt Jacob Newhall
	22.	Mathew Lindseys Child Still Born
	24.	Jonathan Newhalls Child
	27.	Ebenr. Ramsdil
	28.	Widdow Hannah Gray
		Eph Stockers Daughter Sarah
Novr.	2.	Saml. Newhall

REMARKS

1756		
May	10.	I Remov'd Sage, Balm, &c.
	22.	Died Benjamin Alley
	23.	Arrived Skipper Gray wth his first fair
June	18.	I Gathered Pease
July	10.	John Lynds of Lyster fell of his Horse and Dyed in Malden in about 5 or 6 Hours
July	7.	. . . . .
Septr.	19.	Billah ye Negro Servant of Deacn. John Lewis was Buried
	20.	I went to work at Mr. Benjn. Grays
	21.	Ailie ye Daughter of Jeremiah Gray went to Nantucket with Mr. Huzza

1756

Septr. 21. Elias Harts Son Born
Died Mary Wife to Captn. John Jenks
25. Nathl. Fullers Son Born
26. Arrived ye Schooner of wh. Robert Gray was Skipper, with ye News yt Skipper Gray was Drowned on ye 13th Instant

Octr. 8. Ye first Great Rain after a Long Drouth
14. Hannah Hawks Buried Quaker
16. Hannaniah Hutcherson's Child Buried
18. Nathl. Lewis Cut his foot at Jno. Newhalls
27. Six Persons Lay Dead 4 in ye Old Parish 2 in ye West Do
28. Was Buried widdow Allen Quaker

PUBLISHMENTS IN LYNN

1756

July 4. James Newhall & Lois Burrill

Sept. 12. Richd. Johnson & Lydia Batchelor
26. Gidney Witt to Hannah Hawks

Octr. 3. Benjn. Adams to Rebecca Nichols
10. The Reverend Mr. Benjamin Adams and Mrs. Rebecca Nichols
17. Saml. Phillips to Sarah Ireson
John Webber to Sarah Blyth

Novr. 7. Edmund Lewis to Hannah Fuller

Decr. 4. William Farrington to Sarah Stocker
26. Saml. Tarbox & Mary Alley

1757

Jan.	16.	Joseph Newhall to
		& Mathew Newhall to Wright
Feb.	6.	Benjn. Potter to Hannah Brown
	20.	John Hart to Lydia Curtis
		Saml. Sweetser off Stonham to Lydia Hawks
Mar.	20.	George Oasland to Rebecca Baker
	27.	William Clark to Rebecca Burchstead
May	1.	Saml. Stocker to Priscilla Rhoads

OF MARRIAGES

1756

Sept.	16.	James Newhall & Lois Burrill(1)
Octr.	21.	Richd. Johnson & Lydia Batchelor
Novr.	18.	Saml. Phillips & Sarah Ireson
	25.	Edmund Lewis & Hannah Fuller

1757

Feb.	Begining,	Wm. Farrington to Sarah Stocker
Apr.	Begining	Benjamin Potter to Hanh. Brown
		Wm. Clark to Rebecca Burchstead
May	25.	Saml. Stocker to Priscilla Rhoads

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(1) James Robinson Newhall, one of the Historians of Lynn, was the grandson of this couple. They lived in the house on the north side of Boston Street, at what is now called Hudson Square. The house still stands, but has recently been removed to the rear, in a less conspicuous position.

Mr. Newhall was known as "Squire Jim," from the fact of his having been commissioned as one of the first Justices of the Peace in the County by John Hancock, first Governor of the Commonwealth.

1757

Aug.	29.	Ezra Breed to Hulda Breed
		Daniel Farrington to Abigail Breed
	30.	Tos. Williams to Anna Alley
Sept.	22.	Nathaniel Lewis to Abigail Blany
Novr.	10.	Jno. Richards to Eliz Alley
Decr.	1.	Benjn. Hudson to Anna Sweet

1758

July	16.	Saml. Alley to Deborah Breed
Oct.	2.	A. Wm. Hascel to Deliverance Breed
Novr.	16.	Jno. Quiner to Priscilla Williams
	27.	Eleazer Collings Ingals to Elizh. Lewis

TEXTS OF SCRIPTURE PREACHED FROM

1756

Septr.	26.	Eph. 6 – 28
Octr.	3.	Do.
	10.	Do.
	17.	Prov. 13 – 21
Novr.	21.	Luke 13 – 8-9
	25.	1 Sam. 7 – 9 to 13
	28.	Zeph'ah 3 – 6-7
Decr.	5.	Luke 16 – 19 to 29
	12.	Do.
	19.	Heb. 10 – 31
	26.	Job 19: 25, 6, & 7
	16.	Heb.

1757

Feb.	6.	1 Corinth 15 – 57
	20.	Math. 11 – 21-22
Apr.	21.	Exodus 17 – 7. Fast Day
	24.	2 Corinth 5 – 7
May	22.	Psalm 77 – 9
	29.	" 40 – 1-2
		Heb. 11 – 27
June	19.	Psalm 25 – 5
	26.	John 5 – 40

OF REMARKS

1756

Novr.	3.	A Considerable Snow Storm
	4.	Richd. Johnsons Daughter Born
		Benjn. Downin's Wife Buried about ye 17 of Novr.
	14.	Died Capt. Robert Parsimore of Marbld.
	25.	Thanksgiving Day, a Storm of Rain Hail & Snow
	27.	Soldiers returnd. from Lake George
Decr.	17.	Wm. Richards Child Born. Snow Storm
	18.	A ship from London toed in to Boston from pig Rocks
	20.	A Snow Storm

1757

Jany. 30. Benjn. Blanys Son Born
Ruth Chadwells Child Born Daughter

Apr. 8 & 9. Set out Hysop Sage, Garlick &c. Sow'd Turnips, Parsley, Set out Peech and Plumb Trees

13. Sowed Pease

16. Sow'd Early Cabbedg Seed
Joseph Williams Left Mr. Grays

26. Planted Potatoes
Saml. Derby's Two Sons born

29. Ditch't & mended ye Ditch Below ye Road

30. Sow'd barley & Parsnips

BURIALS IN Y^E OLD PARISH

1756

Novr. 12. Lieut Moses Newhalls Child and Esther Fullers Child

14. Jno. Mowers Jun. Son

15. Widdow Abigail Ramsdil

22. Widdow Abigail Mirake

24. Crispass Graves Junr.

29. Widdo Anna Grays Child

30. Thomas Bakers Child
Nathaniel Ramsdils Child

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1757

Feb.	7.	Ephraim Stockers Daughter Lydia
	27.	Benjn. Blaneys Son
Apr.	28.	Saml. Derby's Two Son's
	24.	Benj. Coats's Child
June	14.	Trigoth Talburt's Son Enoch
Aug.	8.	Henry Batchelor's Daughter Mary
	24.	Alen Breed
Sept.	10.	Jonathan Blany
Octr.	2.	Joseph Lindsey
Decr.	20.	Elisabeth Ballord
	28.	Wm. Farringtons Child
	29.	Benj Tarbox's Child

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OF REMARKS

1757

May	9.	The Pigeons Came in abundance(1)
	10.	I Planted Potatoes & Beans
	12.	I Planted Squashes, Cucumbers, Carrots and Parsnips
	14.	Mended ye Ditch below ye Road
		Ye Widdow Mary Norwood was Buried
	30.	Training at Mrs. Norwoods to View Arms
June	6.	I Mow'd English Grass below ye Road
	10.	Set Early Cabedges below ye Road

(1) The wood-pigeon, a valuable food wild bird, which till within a generation was common. The early settlers said that they passed in flocks so dense that they obscured the light of the sun. They are now rare, if not extinct, in this locality.

1757

June 11. Set Do. in my Garden
20. Edmund Lewis's Son born
23. The first considerable Rain after a Sharpe drougth
July 8. Was a Considerable Shock of the Earth
18. I Mow'd 2d Crop Below ye Road
19. Reapt my Rye
28. Soed Rye

PUBLISHMENTS IN LYNN

1757

May 8. Col. James Frye to Mrs. Sarah Roby.
29. Nathl. Lewis to Abigail Blany
Thomas Mansfield and Mary Hawks

MANSFIELD, THOMAS[102] (Thomas[48], Daniel[23], Daniel[13], Andrew[3], Robert[1]).
(See John T. Moulton's MS. Geneal. Mansfield family, upon this and two other Mansfield notes.)

July 3. Josiah Rhoads & Mary Burril
31. Daniel Farrington & Abigail Breed
Ezra Breed & Hulda Breed
Aug. 7. Tos. Williams & Anna Alley
28. Jonath Howard & Tapley
Sept. 25. John Richards & Elizabeth Alley
Novr. 6. Joseph Breed & Ruth Breed
Benjn. Hudson & Anna Sweet

1758		
Jan.	1.	Jno. Quinar & Priscilla Williams
		Henry Batchelor & Jerusia Breed
	15.	John Ramsdil to Martha Downin
	22.	John Aborne to Rebecca Bancroft
		James Green to Lydia Ramsdil
May	7.	Samuel Tarbox to Mary Wheeler of Malden
July	2.	Samuel Alley to Deborah Breed

TEXTS PREACHED FROM

1757		
July	3.	Math. 6 – 13
		Acts 14 – 17
	10.	Psalm 136 – 26
		Math. 13 – 30
	17.	Psalm 119 – 109
	24.	John 14 – 2, 3
		John 6 – 37
	31.	Prov. 4 – 23
Aug.	7.	Luke 13 – 3
		Psalm 44 – 3
	14.	Isaiah 10 – 3. Mr. Carns
		1 Corinth. 1 – 4
	21.	Rom. 11 – 33
	28.	1 Saml. 4 – 22
Sept.	4.	Isaiah 55 – 1
		Psalm 1 – 2
	11.	Ecclesiastes 9
		Prov. 27 – 1

OF REMARKS

1757

Aug. 5. Cæsar the Negro Man Servt. of Daniel Mansfield Esq. Buried

News of Fort Wm. Henry Being Beset

Aug. 2d. Arrived His Excelency Thomas Pownall Esq. Governor of ye Massachusetts Bay in N Eng(1)

11. Fort Wm. Henry Taken by ye French & Indians(2)

14. An Alarm Made, after the After-noon meeting was Ended

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(1) Thomas Pownall was Governor from August 3, 1757, till June 3, 1760, when he left Boston, for South Carolina, of which he had been appointed Governor, taking with him, what was somewhat rare, the good will of the Province.

John Adams said of him:

"Pownall thought there ought to be a good understanding between the capital and country, and a harmony between both and the government. . . . . Pownall was the most constitutional and national governor, in my opinion, who ever represented the Crown in this Province."—*John Adams' Works*, X, 242, 243.

(2) The siege of Fort William Henry, the advanced outpost of the English at the head of Lake George, its surrender and the subsequent butchery of the disarmed garrison by maddened savages, make a thrilling page of history.

The chivalric name of Montcalm was deeply stained by the events of the occasion.

Much as laborious historians have written and mapped and pictured this event and its surroundings, it is safe to say that people know more of the heroism of Fort William Henry, from reading Cooper's "The Last of the Mohicans," than from all other sources. The genius of Cooper painted the doughty old Scotsman Munro, and his fair daughters Cora and Alice, in such colors that their memory will be everlasting.

Upon the site of the Old Fort a thrifty modern Boniface has erected a huge summer resort. The old name flares upon the brand new hostelry, whose tourist-guests are not allowed to remain in ignorance of the past. The name is a good advertisement. Such is the irony of history.

1757

Aug. 15. 20 Men were Impress't to go to Springfield(1)

16. Soed Turnip Seed

29. Mow'd ye Lower Part of my Close below ye Road

Sept. 5. Wm. Clarks Daughter Born

10. Jonathan Phillips Buried

19. Mow'd 3d Crop below ye Road

30. Died Joseph Lindsey Son of Ralph Lindsey

Octr. 6. Was a Loud noise of an Earthquake with little or no Shock

Mr. John Carns Remov'd from Stonham to Lynn(2)

17. Mrs. Abigail Lewis Removed to Woburn

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(1) Governor Pownall arrived in Boston August 3, on the very day when Montcalm was laying siege to Fort William Henry. "The news did not reach Pownall till he had pushed forward troops to Springfield on their way to relieve the Fort. He put Pepperill at once in command of the militia, and a large body of armed men gathered under him on the line of the Connecticut." — *Nar. and Crit. Hist. Am.*, Vol. V, p. 153.

(2) The name of John Carnes is commemorated by the street which enters Boston Street over the site of his residence.

The date of his coming to Lynn does not agree with Lewis, but is, to say the least, quite as likely to be correct. The only annal of Lewis under date 1802 is:

"Rev. John Carnes died on the 20th of October, aged 78 years. He was born at Boston in 1724, graduated in 1742, was minister at Stoneham and Rehoboth, and chaplain in the army of the Revolution. At the close of the war he came to Lynn, received a commission as justice of the peace, was nine times elected as a representative, and, in 1788, was a member of the Convention to ratify the Constitution of the United States. He was an active and useful citizen. He married Mary, daughter of John Lewis, resided in Boston Street, and had two children: John and Mary."

Reference to our diarist's "Texts preached from" show that Mr. Carnes occupied Mr. Henchman's pulpit on two Sundays at this period, to wit: on Oct. 9, 1757, and Jan. 1, 1758. This strengthens the presumption that Mr. Pratt's date as to the time of Mr. Carnes' removal here is correct.

TEXTS OF SCRIPTURE PREACH'T FROM

1757 Sept.	18.	Psalm CXIX, 120
		Luke XXI
	25.	Acts X, 42
Oct.	2.	Luke XII, 32
		John VI, 44
	9.	Jude — 24
		Exod. XV, 27 Mr. Carns
	16.	1 Corinth XV, 24: 28
		Mark IX, 24
	23.	Math. XXII, 14
Novr.	20.	1 Cor. IX, 24
Dec.	25.	1 Cor. II, 2
		Math. 6 – 21
1758 Jan.	1.	John IV, 28: 29 Mr. Carns
	8.	Psalm XXXVII, 4
	15.	Psalm XC
	22.	Psalm XCVII
Apr.	30.	Luke 15 – 18-19
May	7.	Zechariah 13 – 1
		2 Samuel 10 – 12
	14.	Rom. 6 – 14
		Luke 15 – 18-19
	21.	s Saml. 2 – 3
	28.	Rom. 8 – 9
June	4.	James 1 – 22
		Philip 3 – 14
	11.	Luke 12 – 47-48

1758 June	11.	John 20 – 31
	18.	Titus 2 – 11, 12, 13
		Rom. 8 – 28
	25.	John 20 – 31
		Titus 2 – 11, 12, 13
July	2.	Titus 2 – 11, 12, 13
	9.	Titus 2 – 11, 12, 13
		Titus 2 – 14
	16.	John 1 – 46-47
	23.	Psalm 60 – 9 v. to ye End
		Psalm 36 – 6
	30.	Eph. 5 – 2

OF REMARKS

1757 Decr.	13.	Benjn. Hudsons Son born
1758 Jan.	6.	Daniel Mansfield Esq. Fell off his Horse and Recd. a Wound of wh. He Died Jany. 9th About 5 O'Clock in ye Morning.

MANSFIELD, DANIEL[23] (Daniel[13], Andrew[3], Robert[1]), born, Lynn, March 6, 1689-90. Int. marriage Joanna Burrage (daughter Thomas and Elizabeth (Breed) Burrage) July 8, 1710. He died Jan. 9, 1758, aged 68. She died June 8, 1733, aged 45. Both their gravestones in Old Burying-ground, Lynn. He married second, Mrs. Elizabeth Tufts of Malden; married in Malden, Jan. 6, 1736-7. (She was widow of Samuel Tufts of Charlestown, and daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Sprague) Sweetser of Charlestown, born Mar. 15, 1697-8. She married first, Samuel Tufts of Charlestown, Mar. 28, 1723.)

Was called Esquire — and was a large landholder and a clothier, carrying on the business near the foot of the present Franklin Street in Lynn, and also at Saugus Centre. At the time of his death he owned the water privilege on Waterhill and also that on Saugus river at the "Cinder banks," in Saugus.

1758

Apr. 29. Sowed Parsnips, Carrets, Cabedge, Parsley.

May 7. Planted Pease. A Remarkable Shower of Hail

13. Planted Potatoes below ye Road

23. The Soldiers Set off for Canada
I Planted Potatoes in ye Garden

24. Planted Cucumbers, beans
Arrived ye Province Ship Capt. Hollowell with Two Prises
a Ship of 280 & a snow(1) of 300 Tons Loaded with provisions & Stores for Louisburg

June 24. Planted Cucumbers

July Capt. Hollowell brought in 2 Prizes(2)

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(1) SNOW (Naut.) A vessel equipped with two masts, resembling the main and foremasts of a ship, and a third small mast, just abaft the mainmast, carrying a try-sail.

(2) Louisbourg was restored to France Oct., 1748. by the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle. The second siege of Louisbourg was by an English army, commanded by Jeffry Amherst, aided by a fleet under Admiral Boscawen.

The garrison surrendered July 26, 1758.

Two years later the fortress was demolished. Scarcely a trace of this once formidable fortress can to-day be seen.

The diarist records the exploit of a Lynn seaman — Captain Hallowell — in taking French vessels.

1758

July 21. News from ye Army of their Defeat & Loss of about 2000 Men Wounded kill'd & Missing (1)

Aug. 15. Ralph Lindsey Cast away at Piscataqua & Lost ye Sloop

Septr. 11. Thomas Mansfield fell of His Horse between Marbld. & Salem & Died Immediately.

MANSFIELD, THOMAS[4b] (Daniel[23], Daniel[13], Andrew[3], Robert[1]), born, Lynn, May 24, 1717, married his cousin Bethiah Poole (daughter Benjamin Poole of Reading), int. marriage Oct. 26, 1735. He married, second, Ann Roby, of Boston, Aug. 15, 1751. She married, second, Abijah Cheever. He died Sept. 11, 1758, aged 41. Caused by falling from his horse. (Gravestone, Western Burying-ground, Lynn).

(It is an odd coincidence that in the same year father and son met accidental death from the same cause.)

Novr. About ye Middle, Mary Tarbox Child Born

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(1) At the time this entry was made, the conduct of affairs in the British Government had passed into the hands of William Pitt. He changed most of the officers in command in America, and devised bold and brilliant plans, which were eventually to result in the overthrow of the French power in North America.

One mistake he made. He allowed Gen. James Abercrombie to remain in command of the army for the Crown Point campaign.

Abercrombie's army sailed down Lake George early in July.

In the attempt to take Fort Ticonderoga, which is the event our diarist has recorded, Lord Howe, the second in command, was killed, with nearly two thousand Regulars and Provincials, while Montcalm, the French commander, lost less than four hundred.

Among the Provincials in this disastrous fight were John Stark and Israel Putnam, who were later to achieve undying fame upon the fields of the Revolutionary War.

PUBLISHMENTS IN LYNN

1758		
Aug.	6.	Saml. Hollowell to Mary Alley
		William Hascal to Deliverance Breed
	27.	Eleazer Collins Ingals, to Elizabeth Lewis
1759		
Mar.	4.	James Green to Lydia Ramsdil
June	3.	Benjn. Eaton & Sarah Riddan
	24.	Saml. Brimblecom & Sarah Burchstead
Aug.	19.	Jno. Coats & Mary Garnes
	26.	Deacon Abijah Chever & Ann Mansfield
Septr.	9.	Jonath Berry & Joannah Riddan
Octr.	28.	James Johnson & Rebecca Hoopper
		Ezekiel Cheever & Giles
Decr.	9.	Mr. Nathanael Collins & Charity Braford
	10.	Richd. Hill & Mary Chadwell

BURIALS IN THE OLD PARISH

1758		
Jany.	10.	Henry Batchelor's Child
	11.	Daniel Mansfield Esq
	26.	Tos. Williams's Child
Feb.	7.	Joseph Larrabee's Child
	8.	Mary Hill
		Hannah Wallis about the Last of Apr. or first of May
June	5.	Nathl. Tarbox Child Still Born
	10.	Daniel Jacob's Daughter

1758 July	1.	Mary Richards
	27.	Margaret Wife to Daniel Brown
Aug.	20.	Crispas Graves
Sept.	13.	Moses Hudson's Child
	14.	Thomas Mansfield
	23.	Richard Johnsons Child
	29.	Richard Johnsons Child
Octr.	14.	Mary Potter
Decr.	2.	Joseph Skinner

17 Burials in the year 1758.

CHRISTNINGS IN Y^E OLD PARISH

1758 Jan.	8.	Thomas Cox's Son John
	15.	Benjn. Hudsons Son Jonathan
	22.	Abraham Grays Son Fransis
Apr.	30.	James & Elizabeth Farn
		James Farns Son James
		Ebenezer Mansfields Son Samuel
		Ralph Merrys Daughter Mary
May	7.	Capt. Charles Florence's Son Charles
	21.	Saml. Ingals Daughter Hiphsibah
		John Stocker's Daughter Jane
		Alen Newhall's Daughter Love
June	25.	Moses Hudsons Daughter Sarah
Augt.	6.	Josiah Newhall's Son Micaiah
		John Iresons Son John
	27.	Widdow Mary Clarks Son James Pierce

1758		
Augt.	27.	Henry Batchelors Son Jonathan
Octr.	8.	Nathaniel Lewis Daughter Hannah
	22.	Edwd. Johnsons Son Jedediah
		Sam Burrill's Daughter Lydia
Novr.	5.	Joseph Breeds Son Mathew
	19.	John Lewis Daughter Elizabeth
		Wm. Farringtons Daughter Elizabeth
Decr.	10.	Nath Fullers Daughter Mary

TEXTS OF SCRIPTURE PREACH'T FROM

1758		
Aug.	6.	Isaiah 3 – 10-11
		Job 37 – 2, 3, 4, 5
	13.	John 1 – 46-47
		Job 20 – 12, 13, 14
	20.	Job 20 – 12, 13, 14
		Psalm 24 – 1
	27.	Job 20 – 12, 13, 14
		Mark 13 – 3-4
Sept.	10.	s John 4 – 9
		Luke 12 – 47-48
	14.	Psalm 126 – 2-3 Thanks'd
	17.	Luke 12 – 47-48
	24.	Rev. 17 – 6
Octr.	15.	Rev. 2 – 10
	22.	Isaiah 3 – 1
Nov.	5.	Do.
	12.	Ps. 45 – 11

1758

Nov.	19.	Isaiah 45 – 22
		Math. 7 – 22-23
	23.	Heb. 13 – 15. Thanks'd
	26.	Psalm 24 – 10
		Heb. 11 – 8 & 17
Decr.	10.	Psalm 24 – 9
		Psalm 110 – 3

1759

Jan.	7.	1 Corinth 15 – 58
		Prov 27 – 1
		Math 7 – 21
Feb.	4.	John 12 – 35
		Luke 12 – 40
	11.	Col 3 – 2
		Psalm 9 – 10
	18.	Psalm 9 – 10
	25.	Psalm 16 – 2
Mar.	4.	Phillippians 1 – 9 & 10
	11.	s John 2 – 1 & 2
	18.	Col. 3 – 1
	25.	Psalm 18 – 23
Apr.	1.	Exodus 3 – 14
	5.	Ps 50 – 15 Fast Day
		John 14 – 1
	8.	Prov 10 – 9
		Phillip 4 – 6
June	10.	Acts 24 – 16
	24.	Luke 24 – 26

MARRIAGES IN LYNN

1759

Jany. 2. Nehemiah Breed to Abigail Breed
Feb. 4. Isaiah Newhall to Widdow Mary Fuller
Mar. 25. James Green to Lydia Ramsdil
Aug. 30. Jeremy Tarbox to Ruth Lathe

1760

Jan. About ye 29, Nathanael Collings To Charity Braford
Feb. 21. James Johnson To Rebecca Hoopper
28. Richd. Hill to Mary Chadwell

1761

Mar. 5. James Green to Sarah Moulton
Mark Graves to Hannah Blany
Aug. 18. John Adam Deaggeor to Susanna Newhall(1)
Octr. 15. Micajah Adams to Elizabeth Newhall
Benjamin Massey to Sarah Hart
Novr. 12. Ezra Coats to Deborah Jenks

1766

May 8. Daniel Newhall to Hannah Batchelor
Henry Burchsted to Eliz Newhall
15. Joseph Brown to Hannah Ramsdil

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(1) This marriage united "The Celebrated Shoemaker of Essex" to a descendant of the first white child born in Lynn.

Dagyr, the expert who revolutionized and developed the "mystery" of shoemaking in Lynn, receives due mention in the History of Lynn, and in later trade publications.

Glen Dagyr, in Lynn Woods, perpetuates his name.

One descendant at least, the accomplished principal of the Burrill School, is a resident of Lynn.

REMARKS

1759

Feb. 2. About 2 O'Clock in ye Morning was a Loud Shock of ye Earth with a Small Shaking

June 7 & 8. Was a very Severe Storm of Rain & Hard wind

Octr. 24. A Sailor Fell off His Horse by Mr. Stocker's & Died in About half an Hour after

Septr. 18. Quebec Surrendered To ye English(1)

1760

Mar. 20. A Fire broke out in Boston about 2 o'Clock in ye Morning which Consumed 174 Dwelling Houses, 175 Ware Houses & other Buildings. The Loss Computed at 100,000 £ Sterling

Apr. 25. Moses Chadwell Buried at Boston

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(1) On the monument erected on the Heights of Abraham was inscribed "Here Wolfe died Victorious."

Wolfe, a typical hero of the English race, wounded unto death, heard the victorious shouts of those around him, saying the enemy was flying, turned, praised God, and died.

Here, too, Louis Joseph, Marquis de Montcalm, Wolfe's great antagonist, was mortally wounded, and was borne into Quebec to die.

The American general, Montgomery, who attempted with Arnold twenty years later to take Quebec from the English, said of the action, "Wolfe's success was a lucky hit, or rather a series of such hits; all sober and scientific calculations of war were against him until Montcalm gave up the advantage of his fortress." — *Force's Am. Archives* III, 1, 638.

Man loves a hero martyr. Hence every school-boy who speaks the English tongue knows the story of the Heights of Abraham.

1760

Aug. 2. Francis Barnard Esq. Governor of ye Province of ye Massachusetts Bay Arrived at Boston(1)

Sept. 8. Monreal Surrendered to His Britainack Majesties Arms(2)

Octr. 2. Mr. Joseph Gould's Negro Child was Lost & Taken up Dead ye 14th Day of ye Same Month

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(1) Sir Francis Bernard served as royal Governor just nine years, when he returned to England.

Of him Judge Mellen Chamberlain says, in *Nar. and Crit. Hist. Am.*, Vol. VI, p. 22 :

"After Pownall came Bernard, and with him, the beginning of the Revolution. Bernard was not without ability, accomplishments and good intentions ; but he was a Tory. More firmly even than Shirley, he believed in the royal prerogatives, and in some modification of the provincial charters, to bring their action into harmony with the imperial system. During his administration, and in some cases at his suggestion, the ministry entered upon that series of measures which lost the colonies to Great Britain : — the enforcement of the navigation laws : the use of writs of assistance; Grenville's revenue acts in 1764; the Stamp act of 1765; the Townshend duties of 1767; and the arrival of military forces in 1768."

(2) After the capture of Louisbourg, General Amherst sailed to Boston with his victorious regiments, and thence marched overland through Massachusetts for the final struggle between France and England for the possession of North America.

Wolfe's army took Quebec in 1759, as noted above, and Vaudreuil surrendered Montreal to Amherst.

On the 8th of September, 1760, the capitulation was signed.

All Canada passed to the English Crown, and Amherst became a Knight of the Bath.

On February 10, 1763, the treaty of peace was signed at Paris, and France ceased to be a factor in America.

CHRISTNINGS IN Y^E OLD PARISH

1759

Feb.	11.	Theophilus Farringtons Son Theophilus
Mar.	11.	John Collins Son Mansfield
	18.	Joseph Grays Daugh Rebecca
Apr.	8.	Benjn. Blany's Son Joseph
May	6.	Elisha Byles Daughter Mildred
		Saml. Derbys Daughter Lucretia
June	3.	Ignatious Roadses Son Jesse
	10.	Benjn. Jameses Son Benjamin
Aug.	19.	Doctr. Henchmans Daughter Anna
	26.	James Newhall's Daughter Lydia
		Hannah Lancaster's Son Henry
Sept.	16.	Jno. Quinars Son Saml. Fuller
	23.	Henry Batchelors Junr.
Novr.	25.	Eleazer Collins Ingals Daughter Lydia

BURIALS IN Y^E OLD PARISH

1759

Mar.	10.	Mr. Byles Child
about ye	17.	Mr. Byles Negro Woman
Apr.	3.	Solomon Moulton
	7.	Eliz. Sibburn
	10.	John Hollowel
	11.	Saml. Ingals
May	15.	Ebenezer Tarbox
Aug.	8.	Saml. Batchelor
	24.	Capt John Jenks Son

1759

Sept.	6.	Nathl. Lewis Child
	27.	Timothy Newhall
Octr.	4.	Benjn. Newhalls Child
	6.	Theophilus Burrils Child
	15.	Mehittabel Burriage
	25.	A Stranger who Fell off his Horse & Died at Lewises
	31.	Abraham Grays Son Francis
Novr.	2.	Hannah Clarks Son
	9.	Benjn. Newhalls Child
Decr.	6.	Robert Mansfields Child
	7.	Edw. Ireson
Novr.	23.	Eliaas Collings
Decr.	20.	Thomas Burriage
	30.	Benjn. Newhall's Wife Junr.

23 Burials in ye Year 1759

TEXTS PREACH'T FROM

1759

Septr.	2.	Heb IV – 2
		1 Cor II – 2
	9.	1 Tim VI – 17, 18, 19
		2 Thes II – 10, 11
	16.	Math XXII – 26, 7 & 8
		Job XXIII – 4
	30.	Luke XIII – 23, 4 & 5
		Job XIV – 10
Octr.	7.	Luke XIII – 23, 4 & 5

1759		
Octr.	14.	Luke Do.
	21.	Ps
		Luke
Decr.	9.	Genesis
1760		
June	29.	Isaiah LXI – 1

BURIALS IN THE OLD PARISH

1760		
Jany.	2.	John Coats Wife Mary
	31.	Capt. Benjamin Newhall's Wife
Feb.	24.	Priscilla Skinner
Mar.		Nathl. Tarbox Child
		Jno. Richards 2 Children Still Born
Apr.	28.	Abner Ingals
	20.	Wm. Atwels Child
July	12.	Joseph Breeds Child of Marblehead
		Solomon Newhall Jur. Daughter
Aug.	12.	Martha Wife of Eben Burril Esq.
Sept.	6.	Gideon Ramsdil
		Jno. Henry Burchsteads Child
		James & Lydia Greens Child
Octr.	15.	Lydia Green
	5.	Mr. Benjn. Potters Son John
Decr.	14.	Ephraim Hall
	15.	Ezra Newhalls Child
	18.	Widdow Hannah Stocker

19 Burials 1760

CHRISTNINGS IN YE OLD PARISH

1760

Feb.	3.	Moses Hudsons Daughter
	10.	Saml. Hollowel's Daughter Mehitabel
Augt.	3.	Lydia Green; Rebecca Ramsdil & Ebenezer Mansfield's Son Henry
	10.	Abraham Grays Son Samuel
	31.	Wm. Farringtons Son Paul
Sept.	7.	Robert Mansfields Daughter Rebecca

1761

Jany.	25.	Theophilus Farringtons Daughter Abigail
Feb.	1.	Benj. Breem Burchsteads Daughter Elizabeth
		Saml. Ingals Daughter Lydia
	15.	Jno. Stocker's Son Daniel
		Jno. Lewis Son Benjamin
		Joseph Grays Son William
Mar.	15.	Edwd. Johnson's Son Micajah
Apr.	26.	Isaac Meacham's Son Isaac

BURIALS IN Y^E OLD PARISH

1761

Jany.	27.	William Loyd of ye Small Pox
		John Downin's Wife of ye Small Pox
Feby.	L. End	John Downing's Child of ye Small Pox
Mar.	28.	Jonathan Ramsdil's Wife
Apr.	24.	Doctr. Henry Burchsteads Widdow
May	18.	Deacon John Burriage

1761		
June	12.	Daniel Brown
July	4.	Widdow Edmonds & Joseph Edmonds Child
	6.	Joseph Edmonds Child
Sept.	9.	Ebenezer Burril Esqr.
	18.	Margaret Gloyd
	19.	Lydia Henchman
	20.	Mathew Lindsey's Child
Octr.	14.	Jacob Ingals Child
	16.	Andw. Newhalls Child
	22 or 23.	Saml. Ingals Child
	27.	Lt. Jonathan Newhall
Nov.	27.	Sarah Ingals Widdow
Decr.	26.	Rev. Mr. Nathanael Henchman

20 Burials 1761

PUBLISHMENTS

1761		
Feb.	8.	Mark Graves & Hannah Blany
	15.	James Green & Sarah Moulton Married Mar. 5th
1762		
June	20.	Thomas Ingals & Elizabeth Foster
1763		
March	20.	Thomas Stocker & Newhall Andrew Mansfield
Apr.	10.	Josiah Martin & Lydia Norwood
May	15.	Rufus Mansfield & Lydia Merritt

1764

Sepr.	9.	John Lewis to Sarah Lindsey
		Rufus Brown to Lydia Burril
Decr.		Hanson Newhall to Hipzibah Breed
		Michael Newhall to Joanna Collins
	23.	Aaron Felt to Hannah Atwel

REMARKS

1761

Mar.	12.	Between 2 & 3 O'Clock in ye Morning was Earthquake Attended with a Loud Noise
Augt.	22.	The first Rain, except some Small Showers since ye Latter end of Aprill
		I sowed Turnip seed
Octr.	18.	Mrs. Abigail Belknap Buried
	23.	A Remarkable Wind for 3 or 4 Hours Began about 9 o'Clock in ye Evening
Novr.	1.	Between ye Hours of 8 & 9 in ye Evening was an Earthquake
	2.	A tedious Storm of Snow, Rain & High Wind
Decr.	23.	About 1 o'Clock in ye Morn Died ye Reverend Mr. Nathanael Henchman (1)

(1) Rev. Nathaniel Henchman was Pastor of the First Church for forty-one years. He was bitterly opposed to what is called in New England theological works, the "Great Awakening," which resulted from the preaching of Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield. Rev. Dr. Cooke says of him, "Mr. Henchman's views and party associations were such, that if he had lived till Unitarianism was developed, he would not have failed to be a Unitarian." Mr. Henchman was the first minister of the old parish to depart from the doctrines of pure Calvinism.

1762		
July	28.	A Day of Prayer on ye Occasion of Drouth
July	30.	Rain
Septr.	30.	John Ingals Drowned in ye Pines River
Octr.	3.	Taken up, and Buried the Third

BURIALS IN Y^E OLD PARISH

1762		
Jany.	11.	A Child Born at the Widdow Hallowells
	14.	Saml. Ingals Son Edmund
Feb.	5.	Nathanael Lewis Child
	12.	Nathanael Fullers Wife
Mar.	2.	Daniel Jacobs
	27.	Henry Batchelor Junr. Child
May	18.	John Stocker
June	28.	Widdow Abigail Duglap
	29.	Wm. Burriages Child
July	17.	Edwd. Johnsons Child
	20.	Jno. Iresons Child
	30.	Joseph Breed
Aug.	7.	Increase Newhall's Son John
	17.	Widdow Mary Souden
Sept.	6.	Ephraim Newhalls Child
	13.	Richd. Hills Child
	21.	Widdow Anna Gray
	27.	Jeremy Tarbox

1762			
Octr.	3.	John Ingals &	
		Jerusia Howard	
		Widdow Abigail Ramsdil	
Novr.	11.	Anna Burril	
Decr.	12.	John Ramsdil	23 Burials 1762
1763			
Jany.	10.	Widdow Abigail Jacobs	
	12.	Widdow Mary Farn	
Feb.		Widdow Rhodes at ye Flax Pond	
April	11.	Joseph Newhall's Thrible Child ye Other 2 Buried	
May	13.	Crispas Richards	
June	7.	Benjn. Newhall Esq.	
Aug.	3.	John Downin	
	23.	John Mansfields Daughter	
Sept.	19.	Wm. Ramsdil's & Tos. Stockers Junr. Child	
		Increase Newhalls son James	
		Abigail Mansfield	
		John Farn	13 Burials 1763

MARRIAGES

1762		
Jany.	26.	Doctr. Humphrey Deverex to Anna Henchman
Feb.	4.	Jonathan Ramsdil to ——— Harris
		Major Saml. Deverex to Sarah Newhall

1762
June Abner Alley to Sarah Webber
Decr. 9. Nathanael Ingals to Mary Pratt
1763
March 1st. Daniel Parriot to Rebecca Ingals
Apr. 14. Thomas Stocker to Susannah Newhall
May Lydia Norwood to Josiah Martin(1)
1764
Apr. Beginning Marshal Stocker to Anna Newhall
Alexander Phillips to Thankfull Stocker
Septr. 13. Ezra Phillips to Esther Whittemore
27. John Lewis to Sarah Lindsey
1765
July 11. Michael Newhall & Joanna Collins
1766
Augt. 14. Mr. Benjamin Gray To Mrs. Polly Burchsted
21. Mr. Benjn. Parrot to Eliz Ingals
Novr. 11. Jos. Hart
14. Saml Burril
27. Jno. Massey

REMARKS

1763
Mar. 2. The Revd. Mr. John Treadwell Ordained Pastor of ye 1st Church in Lynn

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(1) Lydia Norwood was the widow of Zaccheus Norwood, who had been Landlord of the "Anchor Tavern" on the old Boston road. After Mr. Norwood's death, Mrs. Norwood kept the Tavern till the somewhat shady wag and adventurer Josiah Martin appeared, married the widow and assumed the duties of landlord.

The war of the Revolution relieved her and the town of his presence, for he enlisted and never returned.

1763

May 16th & 17th. I Sowed Cabbedg Seeds Planted, Beans Squashes & Cowcumbers & Potatoes below ye Road ye 14 Day

July 24. The Revd. Mr. John Treadwell published To Mrs. Mehetabel Dexter of Topsfield

Septr. 15. The Revd. Mr. John Treadwell Married to Mrs. Mehetabel Dexter

1764

Apr. 20. A snow fell about 4 Inches Deep

Augt. 27. John Tarbox Drowned

Apr. 22. Wm. Coles a Sailor of Marblehead fell off his Horse on ye Causway between the House Late Captn. Jno. Fullers, & Edwd. Fullers & Expired immediately

Octr. The Revd. Mr. Jno. Treadwells first Son born & Died ye 6th

About ye 12th Mr. Marshal Stockers Daughter Born

1766

May 19. A Day of Publick Rejoycing on Acct. of ye Repeal of the Stamp Act(1)

Decr. 28. Mr. Robert Wait Taken up Dead on the marsh near Saugus River

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(1) The Stamp Act passed Parliament February 27, 1765, "one of the most momentous legislative acts in the history of mankind."

Though repealed, it had given an impetus to the discontent in the colonies, and was a potent factor in the dismemberment of the British Empire and the establishment of the United States.

Mark the time it took for the news to come from London to Lynn: Repeal passed February 22, 1766, day of Thanksgiving for repeal May 19, 1766—nearly three months.

BURIALS IN Y^E OLD PARISH

1763		
Jany.	10.	Michael Newhalls Wife & Allen Newhalls Child
	23.	Widdow Joanna Ramsdil
Mar.	3.	Thomas Owen
	26.	Deliverence Hascal
May	2.	Widdow Ruth Witt
	11.	Lydia Witt
	29.	Jno. Boyce's Child
June	21.	Capt. John Jenks
July	30.	Ralph Lindseys Wife
Augt.	27.	Timothy Howard
	29.	John Tarbox
Octr.	8.	Mr. Treadwells Child
	11.	Widdow Ramsdil from Atwells
	14.	Mr. Jno. Adam Deaggeor's Wife Susanna
Novr.	3.	Ephraim Breed's two Children
	4.	Widdow West
Decr.	14.	A woman yt. Liv'd at Jno. Mowers, Mother to Debh. Jones
	30.	Susanna Fuller

20 Burials in the year 1764

Elderly Persons	9
Middle aged & Young Persons	6
Infants	5

TEXTS PREACHED FROM

1763		
Mar.	6.	11 Corinth 5 – 18, 19, 20, Mr. Treadwell's Commencement in ye Ministry(1)
1764		
Sept.	9.	Psalm 14 – 1
		Rom. 6 – 21, 22
	16.	Psalm 51 – 4 Mr. Roby
		Prov. 8 – 7
	23.	1 Cor. 11 – 28
		Math. 10 – 32, 33
Octr.	7.	Isa. 49 – 8
		Rom. 1 – 20 Mr. Sparrowhawk
	14.	1 Thess. 1 – 10
		Psalm 101 – 1
	21.	Jude — 6 Mr. Holt
1768		
July	31.	Luke 16 – 19 To ye End

BURIALS IN YE OLD PARISH

1765		
Apr.	9.	Zacchariah Rand
May	23.	Rebecca Graves
June	19.	Widdow Newman

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(1) After the ordination of Mr. Treadwell the church took a wide departure from the teaching of the early days. It sanctioned and adopted what is known as "the half way covenant." Mr. Treadwell, who was a man of spotless character, afterwards abandoned the ministry. He represented Ipswich and then Salem in the legislature — was a Senator from Essex County and a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

1765
June 30. Widdow Collins, Jeddediahs Mother
Mr. Fairfield
Augt. 14. Jno. Lewis's Child, Died of ye Whooping Cough
15. Jno. Boyce's Child
21. Wm. Lindsey
22. Widdow Anna Berry
23. Wm. Richards Child
24. Jno. Deaggeor's Child
25. The Widdow Ruth Breed's Child
Nehemiah Lindsey
Richd. Johnson
Octr. 9. Eunice Rhoads
10. Mr. Perkin
Joseph Goulds Wife
23. John Ballord
Novr. or Begin of Decr. Widdow Hannah Alley
Decr. 13. Widow Blany

CHRISTNED

1765
March 20. Sam'l. Ingals Son James
May 29. Theophilus Breeds Joseph

1765
July 7. Joseph Grays Daughter Susanna
Augt. 11. Daniel Floyds Son
18. Elisha Fullers Daughter

1766

Feby. 9. Isabel, Bethiah, Andw. Susanna Joseph & Elizabeth Newhall, Wm. Burriage's Daughter Phebe, Widdow Lydia Johnsons Ruth

23. Benjamin Breem Burchsteds Son James Tyler

May 4. Wm. Atwels Children

11. Benjn. Johnsons Son John Legree
Jno. Quinars Daughter Elizabeth

June 29. Hulda Lindsey's Children Ralph, Joseph, Nehemiah Blany & Nabbie

July Benjn. Johnsons Wife Lydia

PUBLISHMENTS IN LYNN

1765

Mar. 17. Benja. Mansfield & Stocker
Danl. Tarbox & Mary Tarbox
Isaac Oakman & Elizabeth Lathe

24. Gidney Witt & Elizabeth Merry

Apr. 14. Sampson Silsby Dimond & Mary Symonds

28. Ralph Lindsey & Anna Burchsted

Apr. 12. Benja. Newhall & Elizabeth Mansfield
——— Pell & Rebecca Howard

June 16. Mr. Alan Collins & Margret Doubly

23. Adam Hawks & Hannah Newhall

Augt. 18. Nathl Marsh of Danvers & Susanna Newhall

1765		
Augt.	18.	Ezra Coats & Mary Newhall
Sept.		Nathl. Fuller & Mary Blany
		Daniel Mansfield to Lydia Norwood
Octr.	6.	Abijah Ramsdil & Rebecca Graves
		George Cheesman & Elizabeth Phillips
	13.	Josh. Lewis & Sarah Ingals
		Danl. Hitchins & Eunice Hawks
		Jonathn. & Hannah Fullers
No.		Benja. Parrot & Elizabeth Ingals
1766		
Feby.	16.	Alen Breed & Abigail Lindsey
	23.	Henry Burchsted & Elizabeth Newhall
Mar.	9.	Dan Newhall & Sarah Batchelor
		Joseph Brown & Hannah Ramsdil
June	1.	Tos. Burril & Sarah Johnson
July	13.	Mr. Elias Trask of Salem & Mrs. Mary Thawitts of Lynn
	20.	Mr. Benja. Gray Jr. & Mrs. Mary Burchsted
Augt.	24.	Mr. Timothy Johnson & Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis
Sept.	7.	Mr. John Watts & Mrs. Elizabeth Ingals
	14.	Mr. John Perkins & Mrs. Eunice Waters
		Mr. John Brown & Mrs. Elizabeth Hutcherson
Octr.	19.	Mr. Joseph Hart & Mrs. Eunice Burril
		Mr. Saml. Burril & Mrs. Mary Johnson
	26.	Mr. Allen Breed of New Ipswich in the Government of New Hampshire & Mrs. Lydia Mansfield

1766

Octr.	26.	Mr. Benja. Wilson & Mrs. Anna Burril
Novr.	2.	Mr. John Massay of Salem & Mrs. Jane Phillips
		Mr. Richd. Pappoon & Mrs. Mary Newhall
Decr.	7.	Mr. Shadrack Ramsdil & Mrs. Hannah Peck
	21.	Mr. Henry Young to Mrs. Eunice Howard

BURIALS IN THE OLD PARISH

1766

Before March		Luther Newhall	
		Capt. Richd. Mower	
		Eleazer Collins Ingals Child	
		Daniel Brown	
June	1.	Capt. Joseph Fuller	
	18.	Michael Newhall's Child	
		Isaac Meachams Child	
July	21.	Capt. Moses Harts Wife Lydia	
	27.	Moses Chadwell	
Augt.	1.	Joseph Molton	
Sept.	5.	Mary Graves	
		Capt. Moses Harts Son	
	16.	Abner Tarbox	13 Burials

1767

Jany.	10.	Jacob Tarbox
	11.	Joseph Bates's Wife
	28.	Elias Harts Wife

1767			
Feb.	1.	Nathl. Collins	
	18.	Henry Batchelor	
	20.	Ezra Newhalls Child	
Apr.	21.	Matthew Breed	
May	5.	Stephen Newhall	
	8.	Josiah Breeds Wife	9 Burials
			6 Elderly Persons
			2 Mildl Aged
			1 Infant

MARRIAGES

1766		
Novr.	11.	Joseph Hart to Eunice Burril
	13.	Saml. Burril to Mary Johnson
	27.	John Massay to Jane Phillips
		Timothy Johnson to Elizabeth Lewis
Decr.	25.	Shadrack Ramsdil to Hannah Peck
1767		
Feby.	5.	Mr. Henry Young to Mrs. Eunice Howard
		Richd. Pappoon to Mary Newhall
Apr.	2.	Mr. Jesse Upham To Mrs. Sarah James
1768		
Jany.	7.	Mr. Richd. Mansfield to E. Whitemore
Feby.	18.	Mr. Holton Johnson & Ruth Lindsey
Mar.	24.	Mr. John Williams & Hannah Richards
Sept.	8.	Mr. Eleazer Richardson & Mrs. Catherine Newhall

1769		
May	2.	Ebnezer Mansfield & Hannah Williams
	23.	Mr. Robert Wallis & Hannah Fuller
Novr.	21.	Asa Newhall & Tarball(1)
	30.	Mr. Wm. Ramsdil & Mrs. Polly White
1770		
Feby.	22.	Mr. Ezra Burril & Anna Breed
1771		
Oct.	31.	Richards & Thankfull Stocker
		Joseph Fuller & Sarah Lathe
1772		
June	4.	Jacob Ingals & Martha Lewis

PUBLISHMENTS

1767		
Jany.	4.	Benja. Gouldthrite & Lois Bordman
Feby.	1.	Mr. Joseph Gould & Deborah Jones
		Mr. Jesse Upham & Sarah James
		Mr. Wm. Whitemore & Bethiah Collins
		Mr. Stephen Newhall & Mrs. Catherine Newhall
Apr.		Mr. John Williams & Hannah Richards

(1) The bride, whose Christian name is not given in this entry, was Sarah, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Felton) Tarbell, of Danvers (Peabody).

A son of this couple was Hon. Asa Tarbell Newhall.

Dr. Asa Tarbell Newhall and Hon. Thomas Bancroft Newhall were grandsons, and the present Hon. Asa Tarbell Newhall is a great-grandson.

EBENEZER BURRIL Town Clerk

1767		
Aug.		Mr. Saml. Graves & Lois Burril
Sept.	27.	Mr. Joseph Ballord & Mary Norwood
		Mr. John Brown of Danvers &
Novr.	1.	Mr. Richd. Mansfield & Eliz. Whittemore
1768		
Feby.	21.	Mr. Saml. Odal & Lois Larrablee
	28.	Mr. Amos & Mrs. Mary Ingals
Mar.	19.	Mr. Amos Lewis & Lydia Newhall
Apr.	10.	Mr. Ebenezer Newhall & Mrs. Han Larrabee
		The Honble. Meshack Ramsdil & Rt. Hon: Sarah Young
May	15.	Ensign Josiah Breed & Hannah Batchelor

REMARKS

1767		
Feby.	3.	A Fire broke out in Boston about 10 o'Clock in ye Evening which Consumed about 20 Dwelling Houses
Apr.	12.	Mr. Joseph Hart's Daughter Born
June	15.	Increase Newhall Tendered to Mr. Joseph Breed the Whole of His Legal Demands on Mr. Israel Elenwoods Bond. Money Told by Mr. Ebenr. Mansfield & myself £31–6–8

1768

Jany.	6.	In the Evening Mrs. Hannah Gray went off & Search Being made could not be found untill ye 9 in ye Evening
Feby.	25.	I Saw Twelve Wild Geese
	11.	Pigeons Came in plenty
Apr.	1 & 2.	Unusual Wind & Severe Cold
May	16.	Saml. Breed Buried
June	2.	Planted Pease & Callavants(1) Cucumbers & sewed Parsley & Onions the 31st of May
	20.	An Earthquake about 2 o'Clock P.M.
	25.	A Frost
	29.	A Dead body taken up on Lynn Beach. Inquest held at Capt. Johnsons

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BURIALS IN THE OLD PARISH

1767

May	19.	Brought forward — 9
		William Collins Esqr.
	25.	Nathl. Lewis
June	1.	Nathanael Henchman Esq.
Sept.		Shadrack Ramsdils Child
Octr.	6.	William Proctor's wife,
Decr.		Edwd. Fuller's Child
	31.	Joseph Bates Burials: 16

(1) This word is unfamiliar. Inquiries among elderly people have convinced me that it was a colloquialism for some kind of beans.

1768		
Jany.	21.	John Williams
May	14.	Saml. Coats Junr.
June	29.	A Stranger Taken up on Nahant Beach
July	12.	Mary Wife of Charles Florence
	16.	Joseph Potter
	22.	Jonath Fullers Child
Sept.	20.	Capt. John Richards
	21.	Josh. Newhalls Child
	24.	Matthew Lindsey's Daughter Anna
Octr.	25.	David Fern's Wife
	26.	A Stranger taken up on Nahant Beach
Novr.	14.	Saml. Harts Wife Phebe
Decr.	23.	Elias Blackley
	31.	Benja. Potters Child Bur 14

PUBLISHMENTS

1768		
June	5.	Mr. Saml. Stocker & Mrs. Martha Mansfield
July	17.	Mr. Amos Stocker & Mrs. Sarah Burrill
	24.	Mr. Eleazer Richardson & Mrs. Catherine Newhall
Aug.	7.	Mr. Nathan Atwel & Mrs. Mary Stone
Octr.	2.	Mr. Harris Chadwel & Mrs. Ruth Witt
		Mr. Ambros Talbot & Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson
	9.	Mr. John

1768		
Octr.	9.	Mr. Aaron Newhall & Mrs. Mary Perkins
		Mr. John Hitchins & Lois Hawks(1)
Decr.	25.	Mr. Joseph Larrabee & Lydia
1769		
Feby.	12.	Mr. Robert Wallis & Hannah Fuller
Sept.	3.	Susannah Mower &
		Martha Estes & Smith
Novr.	12.	Asa Newhall & Tarball
	19.	Francis Marble & Mary Jenks
1771		
Augt.	4.	Joseph Fuller & Sarah Laythe
	11.	Ebenezer Stocker & Abigail Newhall
Sept.	1.	Ezekiel Moulton & Catharine Hudson
		John Norwood & Deborah Moulton
1772		
May	17.	Mrs. Isabel Newhall & Jonas Parnell

CHRISTNINGS

1768		
June	5.	Rebecca Clark. Revd. John Treadwells Son John Dexter Ephraim Breeds Son Joseph & Daughter Susanna
	26.	Richd. & Rebecca Pratts 8 Children(2)

(1) John Hitchings with his wife Lois (Hawkes) and other relatives went into the interior of New York to Richfield, then in the wilderness where they were pioneers. His descendants are located in many places in New York.

(2) These children named on the page under the head "Memorandum" were baptized by Mr. Treadwell, but propinquity to Wolf Hill and the decline of earnestness in the old parish, found them in adult life "attached to Friends' principles."

1768
Sept. 18. John Quinars Daughter Ann

1769
June 25. Ruth Tarbox
Henry Burchsteds Son Frederick

1770
Feby. 18. Jeremiah Tarbox

REMARKS

1768
Augt. 22. Mr. Quinar 3d Daughter Born
Ezra Newhall Removed to Eunice Fullers
25. John Farrington Buried
Sept. 9. Cut Corn Stalks
13. Wm. Farringtons Child Took to Nurse
19. A Town Meeting to Choose Men for to Set in Convention at Faniuell Hall(1)

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(1) The town record reads as follows:

"At a town meeting held in Lynn Sept. 19, 1768, Dec'n Daniel Mansfield chose moderator of said meeting.

"The town then proceeded agreeable to ye above notification and chose Eben'r Burrill (by a great majority) to attend a convention at Funnels Hall in Boston on Thursday ye 22d instant to consult just reasonable & proper measures for the securing the Crown and Government: also ye constitutional Rights and Privileges of ye Inhabitants of ye Province which they ought to enjoy by Charter & sc.

"Then the meeting was dissolved."

From thence on, the old Book of Records of Lynn, through the period of the Revolution, is full of patriotic votes and measures.

When that book is printed it will be seen that Lynn was as vigorous and as earnest as the two seaport "rebel" towns of Boston and Marblehead.

Local affairs sunk into insignificance, and the ways and means of securing independence are set down at length.

1768		
Sept.	28.	Ships Arrived at Boston with Troops(1)
Octr.	6.	Fast Day at the Old Meeting and Mr. Robies on Account of the Disorders to which we are Reduced
	26.	A Dead Body Taken up on Lynn Beach. Inquest Set at Capt. Johnsons
		Baxter Tarbox's Legg Cut of
Novr.	7.	Young Flint & John Welman Drowned in ye Pines River & taken up ye 8th. Inquest Sett at Josiah Martins
1769		
May	11.	A Snow Storm which lasted about 12 Hours
July	7.	Hilled my Corn
	17.	Sett out Cabeges
	24.	A Dead Body taken up at the Black Marsh
Augt.	31.	Cut Corn Stalks
Sept.	8.	A Severe Storm of Rain & N.E. Wind which Lasted most of ye Night

(1) These troops held Boston till Washington's occupation of Dorchester Heights compelled the evacuation, March 17, 1776. Lynn's first thought was to hold a special solemn Fast Day in the two parish meeting-houses — "The Old Tunnel" and the West Parish on Saugus green.

The 17th of March is one of the red-letter days of our history, for upon that day the American army accomplished a substantial victory.

Lexington was a chase of a retreating force. Bunker Hill in its immediate result was a defeat, but the evacuation of Boston taught the nations that our people could control themselves and occupy fortified towns by strategy.

BURIALS

1769		John Barclay
Mar.	16.	Jonathan Ramsdil
May	4.	James Johnson
June		Benjamin Grays Child
	24.	George Edmunds Son Elijah
		The Widow Sarah Breed
July	15.	Holton Johnsons Child
	18.	Ruth the Wife of Jeremy Tarbox
	20.	Thankful Edmunds
	25.	A Stranger taken up at ye Black Marsh
Augt.	16.	Joseph Mansfield
	20.	The Widow Mary Trask
	29.	Ephraim Breeds Child
Sept.	9.	Daniel Mears's Child
	11.	Matthew James's Child
	19.	Mark Graves's Child
		& Stephen Ingals Child Abner
	22.	Ruth Ingals
Octr.	8.	Edmunds's Child from Jno. Coats's
Novr.	3.	General Mansfield's Wife

REMARKS

1769
Sept. Between ye 8 & 9th Several Buildings & Trees blown down a Sloop drove a Shore at Nahant(1)

(1) On the 8th day of September, 1869, just one hundred years later, a similar gale struck Lynn. Several buildings were destroyed. More than four hundred shade trees were prostrated. On the next day the City Government of Lynn dined at Hood Cottage, Nahant, from which the gale had stripped most of the roof.

1769 Novr.	16.	Thanksgiving Day
	14.	Isaiah Breeds Son Killed with a Cart
1770 Feby.	22.	Ebenezer Richardson of Boston an Informer to the Custom Officers Killed a Lad
Mar.	5.	The Regular's Killed 5 & Wounded about 14 or 15 Persons at Boston(1)
Augt.	8.	As Eight women & Two Men Were going aboard a Schooner in Lynn Harbour in a Canoe the Canoe over Sett & Two women were drowned
		Anna Daughter of Benjamin Hood taken up
	18.	Alice Daughter of Daniel Basset taken up
Octr.	20.	A Severe Storm of Rain & Wind
		Benjamin James & Son Drove from Nahant Arrived at Gloucester 21st & Returned home the 27th
1771 Jany.	9.	Rebecca Hadley Drowned in Jos. Mansfields Mill Pond taken up 26 Inquest Sett at Tos. Mansfields
Sept.	21.	Elkanah Hawks Jun Shot throw his Arm his Arm taken off the 22d Day of the Same Month

(1) This was the affair known in history as the Boston Massacre. The cry of fire and the ringing of bells drew a large crowd into King, now State Street. There was a collision between the crowd and the troops. The troops fired upon the people. Three were killed, two mortally wounded, and several others injured. The people were greatly excited and exasperated. The immediate effect was the removal of the British troops from the Town to the Castle, upon the demand of Samuel Adams.

BURIALS IN THE OLD PARISH

1770			
Feby.	24.	Jeremiah Tarbox	
Mar.	19.	Jonathan Collins	
June	24.	Mary Wife of Amos Ingals	
	25.	Tabitha Pratt	
July	30.	Capt. Ralph Lindsey	
Augt.	11.	Nathan Lewis's Child	
Sept.	26.	Jonathan Johnson's Wife Susanna	
Octr.	2.	John Williams's Child	
Novr.	25.	Jonathan Hudson	
Decr.	19.	Widow Sarah Ben Collins	
	21.	Thomas Stocker	11 Burials 1770
1771			
Jany.	3.	Rebecca Jackson	
	4.	Elisabeth Wife of Benja. Newhall	
Apr.	8.	Benjamin Potter	
	20.	Ezra Burril's Child	
May	9.	Mary Larrabbee	
July	2.	Mary Wife of Daniel Mears	
Augt.	9.	William Ramsdil's Child	
	11.	William Richards's Child	
	16.	Rebecca Clark	
	23.	Widow Abigail Newhall	
	24.	Saml. Ingals Jun.	
Sept.	7.	John Ingals Child	
Octr.	23.	The Widow Ruth Potter	
Novr. & Decr.		Benja. Tarbox Daughter	
		Saml. Hallowell Junr. Jonath Howard	
Decr.	19.	Capt. Samuel Johnson	17 Burials 1771

1772		
Jany.		B. B. Burchsteds Child
Feby.	29.	Ruth the Wife of Saml. Coats
		Wm. Ramsdil's Child
May	1.	A Child found Dead in a Pond
	2.	John Ingals
	12.	Gen. Joseph Mansfield
	31.	Anna Wife of Amos Ingals
June	2.	Lois Wife of Samll. Graves
July	22.	The Bones of Abigail Roades
Augt.	15.	James Newhall's Child
Sept.	18.	Capt. James Williams' Son Frederick
	25.	Nathanael Ingals
Octr.	14.	William Son of Joseph Newhall
Novr.	1.	Ensign Thomas Cox's Daughter Betty
	24.	Joseph Blany's Child
Decr.	1.	Widow Catherine Newhall
Decr.		Holton Johnsons Child
	20.	Margery Ramsdil

REMARKS

1771		
Sept.	24.	One Daniel Walden of Danvers was run over with a Cart Loaded with Hay & Died at the Widow Halls the 27 Day
1772		
Feby.	15.	Samll. Lewis first Son Born

1772

Mar. 22. A man taken up Dead on little Nahant. Inquest Set at the Widow Ruth Johnsons

28. A man taken up Dead on the Long beach & brought to Increase Newhall's Inquest Set ye 29th

29. . . . . .

Apr. 2. Fast Day

3. A violent Snow storm with high Wind about ye 29th of March Daniel Breed cast away at Ipswich

4. Solomon Alley Died at Marblehead, & Buried ye 5th

6. General Mansfield's Lane dug out the Snow being Very deep

30. A Dead Child was found in a Swamp near the Widow Howards

May 1. An Inquisition Sett at Increas Newhalls one Sarah Goldthwait Confes'd ye Child to be her's

2. Sd. Sarah was Carried before Justice Burril Confess'd & was Carried to Goal

15. Abigail Rhoads Lost

24. A Large number of People went in Search of her

June 2. A Resarch made for Abigail Rhoads
The Measles brought into Lynn by Ezra Ramsdil

1772
July 1. Ezra Burril Remov'd to Salem
Joseph Ballord mov'd into his New House
3. The Wife of Samll. Tuttle of Chelsea Hanged herself
21. Abigail Rhoads found in a Swamp. Inquest Held the 22
Decr. 10. Elizabeth Pratt Broke out with the Measels
Lieut. Increase Newhall's Husking
17. Samll. Graves Husking
19. Benjamin Massay Jun. broke his Legg
1773
June 17. A Boat went out from Salem with 7 Women 4 Men & 1 Boy was over Sett in a Squall the women were all Drowned & 3 of the Men, the Other man & Boy was taken up by another Vessels hands
July 25. A man was taken up on Nahant Dead
Inquest Held at Talbots
1774
Jany. About ye 19 & 20 Lieut. James Newhall Twins & Joseph Turel's Daughter Born
Samll. Graves Married

PUBLISHMENTS

1772
May 24. Mr. Ebenr. Stacey & Dorcas Wait
June 14. Mr. Ezra Ramsdil & Mrs. Sarah Spencer of East Haddam in Conetatecut
Mr. Ezekiel Newhall & Love Mansfield

1772		
July	19.	Mr. Calvin Newhall & Sarah Goldthwait
		Mr. Jabez Newhall & Elizabeth Stone
Augt.	9.	Peter Twist of Lynn & Twist of Danvers
	15.	Mr. Jacob Collins & Lydia Blany
Sept.		Mr. Samson Silsby & Abigail Collins
		Mr. Walton & Susanna Mansfield
		Mr. George Hudson & Abigail Tarbox
		Mr. William Bacon & Abigail Phillips
		Mr. Payson of & Anna Perkins
Octr.	19.	Mr. Thomas Newhall & Sarah Lewis
		Mr. Eliphalet Breed & Mary Johnson
Novr.		Mr. Matthew Farrington & Mrs. Abigail Coats
1773		
Jany.	3.	Mr. John Lewis & Mrs. Martha Mansfield
June	20.	Mrs. Hannah Gray & Mr. Josh. Cutter

BURIALS

1773		
Jany.		Ebenezer Mansfield's daughter
	29.	John A. Deaggeors Child J. A. Deaggeor
	21.	John Collins
	25.	John Deaggeor's Son Ezry
Feby.	25.	John Burril's Daughter
Mar.	20.	Sarah Hallowel
Apr.	25.	Benjamin Coats Lieut.
	27.	John Richards Child

1773		
Apr.	30.	Lucy Ramsdil
	14.	Matthew Lindsey
July	19.	Martha the Wife of Thomas Norris
	23.	Thomas Norris
	25.	A Man found Dead on Nahant
Augt.	28.	Elizabeth Daughter of Wm. Farrington
	29.	Ruth Hallowel & Isabel Newhall
Sept.	12.	Abner Alleys Child
		Grimes Tufts Child
		John Nurse
Octr.	1.	Richard Pratt's Son, Nathanael
		Widow Abigail Ingals Child
	11.	Samll. Burrils Daughter: Eleazer Richardson's Child Theops. Burril Junr. Child, Benja. Johnsons Child Benjamin Johnsons Wife, Elizabeth Merry
		The Widdow Hallowell
Novr.	8.	Josh. Cutters Child
Decr.		Revd. John Treadwells Child

BURIALS IN THE OLD PARISH

1774		
Jany.	17.	Thomas Baker
		The Widow Abigail Collins Esqr.
		William Lewis Child
Apr.	19.	John Breed
May	10.	Daniel Newhalls Child
	16.	Jos. Prime

1774		
June	13.	Vertue's Child
July	15.	Martha Derby
	18.	Sarah Chittenden
Augt.	5.	The Widow Sarah Richards
		Susana Allen
Sept.		Josh. Cutters Child. Hannah Curtis Child
Octr.		Daniel Tarbox Child
		Joseph Larrabbee Senr.
		Theop. Burrils Child
Novr.	4.	Moses Newhall
	10.	Allen Newhalls Wife Love
	12.	Thomas Lewis
1775		
		The Widow Farn. Trevit Mansfields Wife
		The Widow Rebecca Ingals
		The Sarah Rhoades of Graves End
June		Edwd. Fuller. John Mansfield
	22.	The Widow Anna Tarbox
1776		
Apr.	4.	Jno. Burrils Wife Eliz
		A Widow Basset of Boston
May	5.	Josiah Burrage
	17.	Wm. Ramsdils Child
	19.	Ebenr. Mansfields Child
June	2.	Joseph Mansfield
	8.	Joseph Browns Child
	18.	Hannah Mansfield
	22.	The Widow Sarah Moulton

REMARKS

1774

Apr. 14. Fast. July 14 Fast on Acct. of the Publick affairs

27. General Training at Salem

May 10. Planted. June 10 Weed

His Excellency Thomas Gage Governor Arived(1)

15. Elijah Ingals broke out with ye Small Pox

June 1. The Port of Boston block't up(2)

20. Adml. Graves Arrived at Boston

Augt. 1. Samll. Tuttles Child Born

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(1) General Thomas Gage succeeded Thomas Hutchinson, and was the last Royal Governor of Massachusetts.

His military reputation was ruined by the battle of Bunker Hill.

He made his headquarters at first in the "King Hooper" house in Peabody (then Danvers), as elegant a mansion to-day as it then was. He had there with him two companies of troops as a guard. The gathering storm soon compelled Gage and his troops to remove to Boston, where all the forces of the Crown were concentrated.

In the beleaguered town of Boston, the amiable but sluggish Gage remained till Oct. 10, 1775, when he turned over the command to General Howe, and sailed for England.

(2) On the 7th of March, the King sent a message to Parliament, communicating the dispatches from America, with the story of the destruction of the tea in Boston Harbor, and on the 14th, Lord North brought in the Boston Port Bill, which diverted the commerce of Boston to Salem, but gave power to the King, in council, to restore it upon the return of order and full compensation to the owners for the tea destroyed.

The bill passed both houses and received the King's assent March 31st, and took effect June 1st.

Governor Gage ordered the General Court to convene at Salem on June 1st, by the King's command, till further orders.

The Boston Port Bill worked havoc with the commerce of Boston, but it led up to the idea of the Continental Congress.

1774		
Augt.	3.	Trevit Mansfields Child Born
Sept.	2.	Michael Negles of Maldon was run over by a Cart wheel which broke his Thigh & he died the Monday following
	22.	Mr. Knuttons Mill Raised, & Capt. Hart wounded
Novr.	14.	Mr. Wm. Newhals Daughter Born
	17.	Mr. John Burril & Anna Fuller Married Benja. Coats of Boston Died
	21.	Major Cheevers Daughter Buried
1775		
Apr.	19.	General Gages Army March'd out to Concord and Began Hostilities
	25.	I began to keep the School
May	27.	Fight at Winesimet(1)
Octr.	8.	Betsey McAlpine Died
1776		
May	3.	Died Josiah Burrage

(1) Sumner, in his History of East Boston, styles this affair the Battle of Noddle's Island, and the second battle of the Revolution.

The Colonists removed the cattle from Noddle's and Hog Islands and captured an armed English Schooner at Winnisimet Ferry.

This was the first action of the Revolution in which the Americans used field pieces. The British lost many men killed and wounded. The Americans had no one killed. Israel Putnam was in command of the Americans, and the news, reaching Congress upon the day it was electing General Officers, so influenced it that Putnam was unanimously elected one of the Major Generals.

The troops were ordered to act under a Resolution of the Committee of Safety, passed May 14, 1775:

"*Resolved*, as the opinion of this committee, that all the live-stock be taken from Noddle's Island, Hog Island, Snake Island, and from that part of Chelsea near the sea-coast, and be driven back; and that the execution of this business be committed to the committees of correspondence and selectmen of the towns of Medford, Malden, Chelsea, and Lynn, and that they be supplied with such a number of men as they shall need from the regiment now at Medford."

PUBLISHMENTS

1774
July 24. Elizabeth Stocker, married Sept. 15
31. William Ramsdil & Sarah Newhall
Augt. 7. Mr. Jonathan Downin To Hutcherson
Sept. 11. Mr. Abel Belknap & Bethiah Newhall, married Sept. 27
18. Mr. Timothy Hitchins to Mary James
1775
June 25. Josiah Burrage to Susanah Ramsdil

MEMORANDUM

1773
of Land Divided Apr. To my Self

2 Acres Salt Marsh @	£13 – 6 – 8	
Rocks Pasture	10 –	
Tomblin Swamp	1 – 10	
⅓ Part of ye Meadow	5 – 5	
	£30 – 1 – 8	Total

I Planted Corn May 21, 1776

1798 Augt. 25th. Benja. Cox came into my House to Live

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